CITY OF BEDFORD

Bedford, Virginia

Regular Council Meeting

AGENDA

June 14, 2005 7:30 p.m.

Administrative

Approval of Minutes Report of City Manager Council Comments Report of Council Committees Revisions to Agenda

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

1-PW-6-1-1-6-14 Request to Block Streets – Bedford Main Street, Inc.

Old Business

New Business

2-PD-1-1-6-14	Swearing in of new Police Officers
3-SCH-1-1-6-14	Appointment of Members - City School Board
4-SCH-1-1-6-14	Appointment of Member – City Representative on County School Board
5-FIN-2-23-6-14	Ordinance Establishing Funds for Public Schools
6-FIN-2-23-6-14	Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006
7-FIN-2-23-6-14	Ordinance Appropriating Funds – Fiscal Year 2005-2006
8-FIN-2-23-6-14	Ordinance Establishing Real Estate Tax Rate – Fiscal Year 2005-2006
9-FIN-2-23-6-14	Ordinance Establishing Personal Property Tax Rate – Calendar Year 2005
10-CVA-6-1-6-14	Resolution – Region 2000 Regional Commission Name Change
11-PD-1-1-6-14	Ordinance – Mopeds
12-HR-9-2-6-14	Resolution – Dependent Care and Health Care Reimbursement Plans
13-P/CD-1-1-6-14	Resolution – Enterprise Zone

ACTION FORM	
ITEM: Consent Agenda DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005	DATE: June 7, 2005
PRESENTATION:	
Request to Block Streets – Bedford Main Street, Inc.	
Bedford Main Street, Inc. is requesting that Council authorize blocking the following streets to Bedford Council for the Arts' Gallery Walk (7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) and Bedford Main Street, p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) on Friday, June 17, 2005. Bedford Main Street will notify affected business Department and Rescue Squad.	Inc.'s Membership Campaign Kickoff (6:00
The request is for the closure of South Bridge Street from the intersection with Main to souther lower ¾ of the 100 block of South Bridge Street open to traffic and parking.	n terminus of Centertown Park, leaving the
ACTION REQUESTED:	
City Council is requested to grant permission to block the above streets from 5:30 p.m. to 10:	30 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2005.
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Celebrating 20 Years of Preservation & Economic Development in Historic Centertown Bedford

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6 June 2005

Mr. F. Craig Meadows, Manager City of Bedford Post Office Box 807 Bedford, Virginia 24523

Dear Craig:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Bedford Main Street, Inc., I would like to request a street closure as follows:

Friday June 17th, 5:30pm-10:30pm, South Bridge Street from intersection with Main to southern terminus of Centertown Park, leaving the lower 3/4 of the 100 block of South Bridge Street open to traffic and parking.

This is to facilitate possible crowd overflow from the Bedford Council for the Arts' Gallery Walk (7pm-11pm) and Bedford Main Street, Inc.'s Membership Campaign Kickoff (6pm-7pm), both of which will be using Centertown Park as a hub.

A noise permit application will be forwarded to you this Thursday.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Smith Executive Director



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ITEM: Consent Agenda	ı					
DATE OF COUNCIL	MEETING: June 14.	2005				DATE: June 9, 2005
PRESENTATION:						
Appointment of Member	rs- City School Board	<u>i</u>				
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ACTION REQUESTE	D:					
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ITEM: Appointment of Member – City Representative on County School Board	
DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005	DATE: June 9, 2009
PRESENTATION:	
The term of Ms. Mickey VanDerwerker as the City representative on the County School Board exp a willingness to continue serving on the Board, if reappointed by Council.	ires on June 30, 2005. She has expressed
ACTION REQUESTED:	

Council is requested to reappoint Ms. Mickey VanDerwerker to serve as the City representative on the County School Board, said term to expire June 30, 2009.

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ITEM: Ordinance Est	ablishing Funds for Pub	olic Schools					
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City Council is reques	ted to adopt the ordinar	ce establishing	funds for	the pub	lic schools for the	2005-06	fiscal year.
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ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, hereby directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for Share of County Public Schools in the General Fund as shown in said budget are hereby appropriated, and that the City Manager is authorized to expend the funds in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations.

ITEM: Ordinance Appropriating Funds - Fiscal Year 2005-2006

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005	DATE: <u>June 10, 2005</u>

PRESENTATION:

Section 58.1-3005 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires that Council shall, on a regular basis, make an appropriation of funds for expenditure by the City. The attached ordinance directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 be appropriated and set aside to the appropriate funds, and authorizes the City Manager to expend the funds in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations. The ordinance denoting the original appropriations has been posted in accordance with \$2-30 of the City Code.

ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to adopt the ordinance appropriating funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and authorize the City Manager to expend the funds in accordance with said budget.

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ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, hereby directs that the funds as set out in the budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for the City of Bedford are appropriated and set aside to the General Fund (except for the appropriation for the Share of County Public Schools, which shall be considered separately), to the Solid Waste Fund, to the Water and Sewer Fund, to the Electric Fund, to the Capital Projects Fund, and to the E911 Fund as shown in said budget, and that the City Manager is authorized to expend the funds in the General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Electric Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and E911 Fund in accordance with said budget and in accordance with prior appropriations.

ITEM: Ordinance Establishing Real Estate Tax Rate - Fiscal Year 2005-2006

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005	DATE: <u>June 10, 2005</u>

PRESENTATION:

Section 58.1-3005 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires that Council annually levy a tax on all real estate located within the City. The attached ordinance establishes a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 of \$0.83 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The ordinance has been posted in accordance with § 2-30 of the City Code.

ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to adopt the ordinance establishing the real estate tax rate for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 at \$0.83 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

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AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAX UPON REAL ESTATE AND CERTAIN TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE THEREON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, a tax rate of \$0.83 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate located in the City, the respective levy hereby ordered being also applicable to the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations within the limitations specified by Section 58.1-2606 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, based upon the assessment thereof fixed by the State Corporation Commission and duly certified.

ITEM: Ordinance Establishing Personal Property Tax Rate - Calendar Year 2005

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005	DATE: June 10, 2005

PRESENTATION:

Section 58.1-3005 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires that Council shall annually levy a tax on tangible personal property located within the City. The attached ordinance establishes a tax rate for calendar year 2005 of \$1.80 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed value on all taxable tangible personal property, with the exception of household goods and personal effects as classified in §58.1-3504 and farm animals, grain and tobacco, as classified in §58.1-3505. All tangible personal property employed in a trade or business other than that described in subdivisions 1 through 16 of §58.1-3503 is taxed at a levy of \$1.50 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation. The ordinance also establishes a tax rate of \$1.30 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed valuation on cattle, sheep and goats, and farm machinery and farm implements as classified in §58.1-3505, and machinery and tools as classified in §58.1-3507, and motor carriers as separately classified in §58.1.3506. The ordinance has been posted in accordance with §2-30 of the City Code.

ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to adopt the ordinance establishing the personal property tax rate for Calendar Year 2005.

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AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAX UPON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATES THEREON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2005

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied, for the calendar year 2005, a tax rate of \$1.80 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of assessed value on all taxable tangible personal property, including property separately classified in Section 58.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, unless exempted from taxation or subject to a different rate under this ordinance. All tangible personal property employed in a trade or business other than that described in subdivisions 1 through 18 of Section 58.1-3503 is taxed at a levy of \$1.50 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation. Household goods and personal effects as classified in Section 58.1-3504 and horses, mules and other kindred animals, hogs, poultry, grains and other feeds used for the nurture of farm animals, grain and tobacco as such items are classified in Section 58.1-3505 are exempted in whole from tangible personal property taxation. The following items are taxed at a rate of \$1.30 per one hundred dollars of one hundred per centum (100%) of the assessed valuation: (a) cattle, sheep and goats, and farm machinery and farm implements as separately classified in Section 58.1-3505; and (b) machinery and tools as separately classified in Section 58.1-3507; and (c) motor carriers as separately classified in Section 58.1.3506.

ITEM: Resolution – Region 2000 Regional Commission Name Change	
DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005	DATE: June 7, 2005

PRESENTATION:

The Region 2000 Regional Commission voted unanimously on January 20, 2005, to recommend to the member jurisdictions to change the name of the Region 2000 Regional Commission to the Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership – Regional Council. This change would constitute a "brand name" that can be used by the four regional agencies. Mr. Gary Christie, Executive Director with Regional 2000 Regional Commission, will be present to answer any questions Council may have.

ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution to approve the name change of the Regional 2000 Regional Commission to Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership – Regional Council.

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RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT OF THE REGION 2000 REGIONAL COMMISSION (PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION 11) CHARTER, HAVING THE EFFECT OF CHANGING THAT ORGANIZATION'S NAME TO VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 PARTNERSHIP-REGIONAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Region 2000 Regional Commission desires to create a wider and more efficient network of regional governmental services, and

WHEREAS, the Region 2000 Regional Commission believes that working together with the Region 2000 Economic Development Partnership, the Region 2000 Workforce Investment Board and the Region 2000 Regional Technology Council will allow our organizations to work more effectively and efficiently and allow our organizations to take advantage of natural synergies and avoid duplications or conflicts in services, and furthermore,

WHEREAS, the Region 2000 Regional Commission believes that the people and local governments of the Greater Lynchburg region would be better served by more coordinated efforts of these agencies that use the Region 2000 brand and,

WHEREAS, the Region 2000 Regional Commission has voted unanimously on January 20, 2005 to recommend to member jurisdictions to change the name of the Commission to utilize a common "Brand Name" that can be used by the four regional agencies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bedford offers this Resolution in support of amending the Charter of the Regional Commission as follows:

Article I, Section 1:

The name of this organization shall be the **Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership -Regional Council**, hereinafter called the Local Government Council.

ITEM: Ordinance - Mopeds

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005

DATE: June 7, 2005

PRESENTATION:

The City Police Department has received numerous complaints concerning the increased use of a new type of moped known on the street as "pocket rockets." Complaints have included riding of mopeds at high speeds, noise, and riding of several mopeds abreast.

In response to the complaints, the Chief of Police has studied the State laws dealing with mopeds and has drafted revised ordinances to regulate the use of mopeds on City streets as authorized by the State law.

Under State law, a "moped" is defined as (i) a bicycle-like device with pedals and a helper motor that is rated at no more than 2 brake horsepower and that produces speeds up to a maximum of 30 miles per hour or (ii) a motorcycle with an engine displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less and a maximum speed of less than 30 miles per hour. The so called "pocket rockets" fall within this classification.

State law requires that the operators of mopeds, on streets and highways, must comply with the State and local regulations or "rules of the road" for the operation of motor vehicles. In addition, State law provides that mopeds may not be operated on any highway or public vehicular area faster than 30 miles per hour or by any person under the age of sixteen (16). State law also requires that persons riding mopeds and bicycles shall not ride more than two abreast and that persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and shall move into a single file formation as quickly as is practicable when being overtaken from the rear by a faster moving vehicle.

The proposed ordinances provide additional regulations that the City is authorized to enact. These include requirements that every person operating a moped on a public street or highway shall wear a face shield, safety glasses, or goggles of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police unless the moped is equipped with safety glass or windshield, and that operators and passengers must wear approved protective helmets. The ordinances provide that every person driving a moped shall carry with him some form of identification that includes his name, address, and date of birth.

The new regulations also require every resident operator of a moped to register the moped with the Chief of Police and to pay a \$12.00 fee for such registration. The operator must display the license or decal issued by the City on the moped. The license shall be valid for the life of the moped unless it is sold or conveyed to another person. Any new owner must apply for his own registration and licensing before the moped can be operated on the City streets. The ordinance also provides for the sale of any moped that is turned into the Police or Sheriff's Department and not claimed after a 30 day publication in the newspaper.

The ordinance provides for a \$50.00 fine for violation of the ordinances. The ordinance will be effective on July 1, 2005 when most new State laws take effect and will apply to all moped operators on City streets regardless of whether the mopeds are owned prior to enactment of the ordinance or are purchased thereafter. The ordinance has been posted as required by the City Code.

ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to adopt the ordinance as proposed.

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ORDINANCE NO.	
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ORDINANCE AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 13-70 THROUGH 13-76 AND ADDING PROVISIONS REQUIRING LICENSING AND USE OF CERTAIN SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHEN MOPEDS ARE USED UPON THE CITY STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

<u>Section 1.</u> Section 13-70 through 13-76 are amended and re-enacted and the following new sections 13-77 through 13-90 are added as follows:

§13-70 Definitions.

- (A) *Bicycle*. A device propelled solely by human power, having pedals, two or more wheels, and a seat height of more than twenty-five inches from the ground when adjusted to its maximum height (a recumbent device shall be deemed a bicycle regardless of seat height).
- (B) *Electric power-assisted bicycle* means a bicycle equipped with an electric motor that reduces the pedal effort required of the rider, but does not eliminate the rider's need to pedal. For purposes o this article, an electric power-assisted bicycle shall be a vehicle when operated on a street.
- (C) Moped is defined as a conveyance that is either (a) a bicycle-like device with pedals and a helper motor which is rated at no more than two (2) brake horsepower and produces speeds up to a maximum of thirty (30) miles per hour; or (b) a motorcycle with an engine displacement of fifty (50) cubic centimeters or less and a maximum speed of less than thirty (30) miles per hour. For purposes of this article, a moped shall be a vehicle when operated on a street.
- (D) *Highway* is the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place open to the use of the public for the purpose of vehicular traffic in the Commonwealth, including the streets and alleys and the entire width between the boundary lines of all private roads or private streets which have been specifically designated "Highways" by an Ordinance adopted by the City Council.
- (E) *Roadway* is that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic exclusive of the shoulder. A highway may include two or more roadways divided by a physical barrier or barriers or an unpaved area.

- (F) *Sidewalk* is that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.
- (G) *Crosswalk* is that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines or the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway; or a portion of a roadway at any intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for Pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

§13-71 Prohibition of Roller Skates, Scooters, Skateboards and other devices on Streets.

- (A) No person shall play on a highway or street, other than on the sidewalks thereof, within the City.
- (B) No person shall use roller skates, skateboards, toys or other devices on wheels or runners (except bicycles, mopeds and motorcycles) on the highways and roadways of the City.

§13-72 Riding of Bicycles, Mopeds, *Electric power-assisted bicycle*, Scooters and Skates on Sidewalks.

- (A) No person shall ride or use mopeds, electric power-assisted bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, or other toys or play devices (other than bicycles and scooters equipped with braking mechanisms to provide control) on sidewalks in the City.
- (B) No person shall ride any bicycle, moped, electric power-assisted bicycle, or scooter on a sidewalk or a crosswalk, including those of churches, schools, recreational facilities, or any other business property open to the public, where such activity is prohibited.
- (C) Such riding of bicycles or scooters on sidewalks or crosswalks is specifically prohibited in areas which are zoned B-1 or in other areas designated by the City Manager.
- (D) Signs indicating the prohibition of roller skates shall be conspicuously posted at all entrances to the City, and signs prohibiting bicycles or scooters shall be conspicuously posted at the sidewalks entering the designated areas where such uses are prohibited.

(E) A person riding a bicycle or scooter on a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.

§13-73 Bicycle Equipment.

- (A) Every bicycle, moped and electric power-assisted bicycle when in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with a white light on the front which shall be visible in clear weather from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear. Such reflector shall be of a type approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police and shall be visible in clear weather from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful high beams of head lights on a motor vehicle. A red light visible in clear weather for 500 feet to the rear may be used in lieu of or in addition to the rear reflector. Such lights and reflector shall be of types approved by the Superintendent. Bicycles or their riders may have a red blinking light in lieu of a reflector or steady burning red light on the rear of the vehicle.
- (B) Every bicycle, moped and electric power-assisted bicycle when operated on a highway shall be equipped with a brake that will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement or with an advanced braking system capable of stopping the vehicle within an adequate distance.

§13-74 Bicycle Helmets.

- (A) Requirement: Every person fourteen (14) years of age or younger shall wear a protective helmet when riding or being carried on a bicycle on any roadway, sidewalk, or public bicycle path within the City. For the purposes of this section, "protective helmet" shall refer to any helmet that meets the standards promulgated by the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation.
- (B) *Penalty:* Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$25. However, such fine shall be suspended (i) for first time violators and (ii) for violators who, subsequent to the violation but prior to imposition of the fine, purchase helmets of the type required by this Ordinance.
- (C) *Parents' Responsibility:* The parent or guardian or any adult person having custody or supervision of any child and who is present when such child is operating a bicycle without a helmet in violation of this Section shall be held responsible to assure

compliance and shall be subject to any penalties for non-compliance.

(D) Procedures:

- (i) It shall be the duty of the Police Department to enforce this Section. The Chief of Police shall develop necessary forms, including written warnings, and shall maintain a registry of children who have received warning tickets as first offenders.
- (ii) Each police officer is charged with the duty of stopping any child who may be in violation of this Section and ascertaining the child's name, age, residence address, and the name and address of his primary guardian or custodian. For the first offense, the officer shall issue a warning, advising the offender of the law and that any additional offense will result in issuance of a summons. The officer shall cause a copy of the written warning to be mailed or delivered to the guardian or custodian of the offender and the parent or guardian to appear before the appropriate Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court authorities.
- (iii) Pursuant to Section 46.2-906.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, violation of subsection (a) or (b) shall not constitute negligence, assumption of risk, be considered in mitigation of damages of whatever nature, be admissible in evidence, or be the subject of comment by counsel in any action for the recovery of damages arising out of the operation of any bicycle, nor shall anything in this section change any existing law, rule, or procedure pertaining to any civil action.

§13-75 Requirement of Safety Equipment for Mopeds.

- (A) Any person who operates a moped on a public street or highway shall wear a face—shield, safety glasses, or goggles of a type approved by the superintendent of the Virginia State Police, or have the moped equipped with safety glass or a windshield at all times while operating such moped, and operators and passengers thereon, if any, shall wear a protective helmet of a type approved by the superintendent of the Virginia State Police.
- (B) Any person who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty of a traffic infraction and be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(C) A violation of this section shall not constitute negligence, be considered in mitigation of damages of whatever nature, be admissible in evidence or be the subject of comment by counsel in any action for the recovery of damages arising out of the operation, ownership, or maintenance of a moped, nor shall anything in this section change any existing law, rule, or procedure pertaining to any civil action.

§13-76 Special Operating Rules for Bicycles, Mopeds and Electric Power-assisted Bicycles

- (A) Persons riding bicycles on a highway or sidewalks shall not ride two or more abreast except on paths or parts of highways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
- (B) No person riding on any bicycle, moped, electric power-assisted bicycle or wheeled toy shall catch, hold or attach to any moving vehicle of any kind while upon any street.
- (C) No bicycle or electric power-assisted bicycle operated in the City shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number of persons for which it is designed and equipped.
 - (i) No person other than the operator thereof shall ride upon a moped unless such moped is designed to carry more than one (1) person, in which event a passenger may ride upon a separate and permanent seat attached thereto; provided, however, that such moped is also equipped with a footrest for such passenger.
- (D) No person shall ride a bicycle, moped or electric power-assisted bicycle upon any street or sidewalk without having at least one hand upon the handlebars and no person operating such vehicle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.
- (E) Every person riding a bicycle, moped or electric power-assisted bicycle out of a lane, alley or private driveway across a sidewalk or sidewalk area shall first bring such bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle or moped to a stop before crossing such sidewalk or sidewalk
- (F) No person shall ride a bicycle, moped or power-assisted bicycle recklessly or at a speed or in manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of the rider or of any other person.
- (G) No person shall operate any moped upon any street, highway or public vehicular area without being 16 years of age or older.

Violation of this provision shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$50.00

- (H) No person shall operate any moped upon any street, highway, or public vehicular area without carrying some form of identification that includes name, address and date of birth. Violation of this provision shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$50.00
- (I) No moped shall be driven on any street, highway or public vehicular area faster than 30 miles per hour. Violation of this provision shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$50.00
- (J) Every person riding a bicycle on a roadway shall be subject to all the statutory duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle including the compliance with all traffic signals, signs and lane markings, unless the context of the statute indicates otherwise.

§13-77 Hand Signals.

- (A) Before turning or altering the course of operation of any bicycle or electric power-assisted bicycle, the operator thereof shall give signals by extension of the hand to indicate the direction in which it is intended to proceed.
- (B) Operators of mopeds shall use the electronic signaling devices that the moped is equipped with before turning or altering course of operation. If operating a moped with malfunctioning signal devices, or no signaling devices, the operator shall use hand signals.

§13-78 Method of Riding

- (A) Every person riding a bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle or moped on any street shall keep as close as practicable to the righthand side of the roadway, except under any of the following circumstances:
 - (i) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction; (ii) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway; and (iii) When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right curb or edge.

For purposes of this section, a "substandard width lane" is a lane too narrow for a bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle or moped and another vehicle to pass safely side by side within the lane.

(B) Persons riding bicycles or electric power-assisted bicycles on a street shall not ride two (2) or more abreast except on paths or parts of streets set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Mopeds shall not ride on paths or parts of streets set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding mopeds on a street shall not ride two (2) or more abreast.

§13-79 Registration Required for Mopeds.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person who resides in the city to operate or use a moped upon any of the streets of the city, or for any parent or guardian to allow any person under the age of eighteen (18) years, who resides in the city, to operate or use a moped upon any of the streets of the city unless such moped has been properly registered as hereinafter provided.
- (B) Any person acquiring a moped from a registered owner or buying a new moped or owning a moped on the effective day of this ordinance shall comply with the registration requirements before operating the moped upon the streets of the City.
- (C) The registration of mopeds shall be upon written application therefore made to the Chief of Police on forms prescribed by him, and shall be made by the owner thereof, or, if owner is under eighteen (18) years of age, the same may be made for him by his or her parents or guardian.
- (D) When a moped is registered, there shall be paid as a fee the sum of twelve dollars (\$12.00). When the registration is changed from one (1) person to another or from one moped to another, there shall be paid the sum of twelve dollars (\$12.00). When a number plate or tag is issued to replace one that has been mutilated, lost, stolen or misplaced, there shall be paid the sum of one dollar (\$1.00). Such sums shall be paid to the city treasurer, and shall be used for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses incident to the registration of such mopeds and carrying out the provisions of this article.
- (E) Upon proper application for registration of a moped, and the payment of the registration fee required by this article, the city treasurer shall issue to the applicant a registration card and a number plate or tag, in such form as shall be prescribed by the chief of police or his or her designee. The number plate or tag shall be provided by the city at no cost to the applicant.

§13-80 Display of tag.

The number plate or tag issued under the provisions of this article shall be kept securely fixed in a conspicuous place on the rear of the frame of the moped for which the same was issued.

§13-81 Change in frame number.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, change, alter or mutilate any electric power-assisted bicycle or moped frame number; provided, however, that when any moped is registered hereunder and it appears that the frame number has become obliterated or is illegible, or that the same has no frame number, the chief of police or his or her designee may place or cause to be placed a frame number thereon for registration purposes.
- (B) Any person who shall remove, change, alter, or mutilate any electric power-assisted bicycle or moped frame number in violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.

§13-82 Records.

The chief of police or his or her designee shall keep a complete record of all mopeds registered pursuant to this article, showing the name and address of the owner thereof, the make, class and frame number of such moped, the number of the registration plate or tag issued therefore, and such other information as the chief of police or his or her designee may prescribe.

§13-83 Lost or mutilated number plates or tags.

When any number plate or tag is badly mutilated, lost, stolen or misplaced and cannot be found, upon satisfactory evidence of such fact being presented to the chief of police or his or her designee, the chief of police shall issue another number plate or tag, and shall change the registration of such moped accordingly.

§13-84 Transfer generally.

It shall be unlawful for any person to attach any number plate or tag issued under the provisions of this article to any moped other than the one for which the same was issued.

§13-85 Transfer of ownership.

When any moped registered under the provisions of this article shall be transferred to another, the same shall be reported to the chief of police or his or her designee, together with the name and address of the person to

whom the moped was transferred and the registration thereof shall be changed accordingly.

§13-86 Impoundment of abandoned or unregistered electric power-assisted bicycles and mopeds.

- (A) Any moped found without a number plate or tag issued pursuant to section 13-79 of this article and unattended shall be deemed abandoned. If a reasonable attempt to locate the owner or user in the immediate vicinity of the moped fails to produce such owner or user, any moped so abandoned shall be taken into custody and impounded by the chief of police or any officer of the police department.
- (B) Any unattended electric power-assisted bicycle found under such times and circumstances that indicate it has been lost or stolen shall be deemed abandoned. If a reasonable attempt to locate the owner or user in the immediate vicinity of the moped fails to produce such owner or user, any moped so abandoned shall be taken into custody and impounded by the chief of police or any officer of the police department.
- (C) No abandoned electric power-assisted bicycle or moped shall be released or removed from impoundment except upon satisfactory showing of ownership and, in the case of mopeds, display of a city registration certificate and proper display of a tag or number plate by the owner or an agent of the owner.
- (D) If an abandoned electric power-assisted bicycle or moped is not reclaimed within thirty (30) days from the date of impounding, the chief of police or the chief's agent shall provide for the public sale or donation to a charitable organization of such bicycle or moped.
- (E) Any bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle or moped found and delivered to the police department by a private person which thereafter remains unclaimed for thirty (30) days after the final date of publication as required herein may be given to the finder; however, the location and description of the bicycle or moped shall be published at least once a week for two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. In addition, if there is a license tag affixed to the bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle or moped, the record owner shall be notified directly.

§13-87 Impoundment of unregistered mopeds.

(A) When any police officer or other officer charged with the duty of enforcing this article shall discover any unregistered moped in any public place in the possession or control of any person, the officer may take custody of such moped and impound the same. Any moped so impounded shall be released only upon a satisfactory showing of ownership, payment of five dollars (\$5.00) for storage charges, and proper registration and display of a tag or number plate by the owner or an agent of the owner.

- (B) Any juvenile whose moped is impounded pursuant to this section shall be escorted forthwith to his or her place of residence or other appropriate place.
- (C) An officer impounding a moped under this section shall inform the person from whom possession or control of the moped was removed of the provisions of this section. Upon the taking of the moped into the officer's possession, the officer shall mail or hand-deliver a notice containing the provisions of this section. In the case of a juvenile, such notice shall be mailed or hand-delivered to the juvenile's parent or guardian.
- (D) If any moped impounded under this section is not reclaimed within thirty (30) days from the date of impounding, the chief of police or an agent of the chief of police shall cause the moped to be sold or donated in accordance with section 20-146(d) of this article.

§13-88 Law enforcement officers.

- (A) Any law enforcement officer of the city, operating a bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle or moped during the course of his or her duties, shall be exempt from the provisions of this division.
- (B) Any bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle or moped being operated by a law enforcement officer of the city, during the course of his or her duties, shall be deemed to be a law enforcement vehicle and shall have the same rights and privileges as any other law enforcement vehicle when the bicycle or moped is being operated in response to an emergency call, while engaged in rescue operations or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law.

§13-89 Sale, rental of electric power-assisted bicycles and mopeds--Information required.

Information regarding the sale or rental of electric power-assisted bicycles and mopeds shall be available to the chief of police upon the chief's request from vendors and lessors of electric power-assisted bicycles and mopeds.

§13-90 Penalties.

- (A) Any violation of the provisions of Section 13-72 involving bicycles, scooters and skates shall be punishable by a civil penalty of \$50.00, collectible in the same manner as prescribed for parking tickets, except that, if payment is not received by the city treasurer, then the appropriate law enforcement officer may cause to be issued a civil warrant in debt.
- (B) Violations of the provisions of Section 13-70 though 13-89 in which no penalty has been defined within the specific section shall be deemed guilty of a traffic infraction which shall be punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

<u>Section 2.</u> This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2005 and upon completion of publication one time in a newspaper published in the City or posted at three or more public places in the City for one week.

ITEM: Resolution – Dependent Care and Health Care Reimbursement Plans

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005	DATE: <u>June 7, 2005</u>

PRESENTATION:

The City Council needs to approve the establishment of the amended cafeteria plan for employees effective July 1, 2005, and grant the City agents (i.e. the City Manager and/or Human Resources Director) authorization to administer the plan. The following changes have been made to our current plan: 1) the health care reimbursement limit has been changed to \$2500; and 2) the option of direct deposit of reimbursements into employee's bank account has been added.

ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution approving the amended cafeteria plan to include reimbursement of Dependent Care and Health Care Reimbursement plans on a pre-tax basis, and give authorization to the City's authorized agents to execute, deliver and implement the plan.

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WHEREAS, that the Administrator shall be instructed to take such actions that are deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan, and to set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the Plan; and

WHEREAS, that the duly authorized agents of the Employer shall act as soon as possible to notify the employees of the Employer of the adoption of the Cafeteria Plan by delivering to each employee a copy of the summary description of the Plan in the form of the Summary Plan Description presented to this meeting, which form is hereby approved; and

WHEREAS, that the undersigned further certifies that Exhibits A and B, respectively, are true copies of the City of Bedford Flexible Benefit Plan as amended and restated and the Summary Plan Description approved and adopted in the foregoing resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the form of amended Cafeteria Plan including a Dependent Care Assistance Program and Health Care Reimbursement Plan effective July 1, 2005, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that the duly authorized agents of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the undersigned Principal of the City of Bedford (Employer) hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Employer on June 14, 2005, and that such resolution has not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof.

	Principal, City of Bedford	_
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Clerk, City of Bedford		

ITEM: Resolution – Enterprise Zone

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2005

DATE: June 9, 2005

PRESENTATION:

The Bedford Enterprise Zone is designed to encourage economic growth in keeping with the City of Bedford's Comprehensive Plan (2003) and with Economic Development goals and objectives. The City's vision emphasizes a continued focus on Centertown as its primary commercial idenity; protection and adaptive reuse of historic properties; and development of modern manufacturing facilities for existing and new industries. Plans focus on building a "critical mass" for Centertown, encouraging mixed use and high-density development in the urban center, providing extra value for redevelopment of historic structures, including old factories; and insuring long-term viability of existing and new industries.

Zone boundaries encompass the Centertown area with adjacent Commercial-Light Industrial land and adjacent vacant and inefficient, historic factory structures. The zone also includes a publicly-owned industrial park with full infrastructure, including high-speed internet access and suitable for industrial use. The vision for these areas encompasses development and redevelopment to create the critical mass for Centertown, adaptive reuse of factories as flexible live/work space and expansion of traditional manufacturing in more efficient structures.

The City recognizes the growth potential of revenue-sharing areas immediately outside the City and the challenge this high-growth area presents to development and redevelopment in the greater Central Business District. Furthermore, traditional local industries, which remain strong in part because of a willingness to employ new technologies, can only flourish if allowed to physically expand to operate more efficiently. Obstacles to building new facilities include lack of land at current sites and the challenge of selling older factory facilities. Since most major City industries have been acquired by non-local corporations, investment in Bedford may be critical to continued local operations.

Bedford's central business district has functioned historically as a regional retail, commercial, service and government center. Furthermore, the Centertown area complements tourism activity at the National D-Day Memorial. The City is committed to supporting the Bedford Main Street program, initiated in 1985, as a primary revitalization tool. We envision longterm growth of Centertown area including redevelopment of factories into mixed-use, live/work space.

A full complement of marketing programs will capitalize on the Enterprise Zone Designation. Regionally, the City works with Region 2000 and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership on industrial recruitment. The City will continue joint and cooperative marketing efforts established with Bedford County focusing on tourism, commercial and industrial recruitment. Economic development partner Bedford Main Street will serve on the Enterprise Zone team with primary responsibility for Centertown development.

As competition for industrial prospects has increased, the City has strived to become a leader in innovative and proactive measures. Even without the Enterprise Zone designation, the City has adopted a number of local incentives for existing and new businesses. We have emphasized web-based marketing in conjunction with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Region 2000, Bedford County and Bedford Main Street. Enterprize Zone designation provides important exposure, which unfortunately is available throughout our immediate regions, but not locally. However, more important than simple Enterprize Zone designation, is the ability of local and State incentive packages to assist business and industry grow and profit.

ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is asked to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply on behalf of the City of E	Bedford for Enterprise
Zone Designation.	

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford is aware of the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford understands that such a designation will include State and local incentives for businesses in the designated zone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford is interested in stimulating business and industrial growth and is committed to offering certain incentives intended to stimulate private sector investment or revitalization in the proposed enterprise zone; and having reviewed and considered the eligibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford endorses and supports such a program for the City of Bedford and is hereby authorizing the City Manager to submit all information needed to apply for the enterprise zone designation for the Bedford Enterprise Zone and to meet other program administrative and reporting requirements, including identifying and offering for sale all surplus public land located within the zone.

Proposed Enterprise Zone Name: Bedford E	Proposed Enterprise Zone Name: Bedford Enterprise Zone					
Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: Joint IDA, City IDA					
No. 1, Enterprise Zone Performance Based Grant	Qualification Requirements:					
5-year grants for 35-85% of increased real estate, machinery and tools, business	minimum investment of \$1-million and up-to- date payment of taxes and City utilities					
furniture and fixtures, personal property tax on vehicles and BPOL, where applicable.	Period of availability: entire life of zone					
Graduated scale for projects of at least \$1-						
million investment creating 15 jobs to \$25-million investment creating 100 jobs, and above.	Source of funds: IDA's					
Financial Value of Incentive:	Effective date: Upon zone designation					
\$13,650 - \$87,125	Exclusive to zone: Yes No, if no please explain how incentives will be tailored to zone A similar program with higher thresholds exists Citywide					
Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: City of Bedford					
No. 2, Business, Occupational License (BPOL) Fee Rebates for qualified new businesses	Qualification Requirements: up-to-date on taxes and utilities					
Five-year decreasing partial rebate of business, occupational license fees (80%, 60%, 40%, 20%, 10%)	Period of availability: entire life of zone					
	Source of funds: City of Bedford					
Financial Value of Incentive:	Effective date: Upon zone designation					

Average Value	Exclusive to zone:
	⊠ Yes
Retail - % of \$550	No, if no please explain how incentives
Services - % of \$400	will be tailored to zone
Professional - % of \$1,500	
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Proposed Enterprise Zone Name: Bedford E	nternrise Zone				
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Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: City of Bedford				
No. 3, Rehabilitated Real Estate Tax	Qualification Requirements: Centertown area				
Exemption	business realizing 50% increase in assessment				
5 year tay exemption from real estate tay	Deried of eveilability, entire life of zene				
5-year, tax exemption from real estate tax increase in assessed property value	Period of availability: entire life of zone				
resulting from certain rehabilitation of	Source of funds: City				
commercial and industrial real estate.					
	Effective date: Upon zone designation				
Financial Value of Incentive:	Lifective date. Opon 20ne designation				
Average: \$2,050	Exclusive to zone:				
	Yes				
	No, if no please explain how incentives				
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Incentive #, Name, and	Provider: Bedford Main Street				
Description:	Qualification Requirements: Centertown area				
No. 4, Main Street Design Services,					
Technical Assistance and Matching Facade	Pariod of availability. On going				
Grant	Period of availability: On-going				
	Source of funds: Bedford Main Street				
Financial Value of Incentive:	Effective date: upon zone designation				
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Design Services - \$2,000	Exclusive to zone:				
Technical Assistance - none	Yes				
Matching Grant - \$250					
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Proposed Enterprise Zone Name: Bedford Enterprise Zone		
Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: City of Bedford	
No. 5, Utility Service Improvements and reduction of availability/connection fees Case-by-case improvements to existing	Qualification Requirements: based on anticipated utility usage	
utility infrastructure Priority consideration for fire suppression	Period of availability: entire life of zone Source of funds: City of Bedford	
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Financial Value of Incentive:	Effective date:	
Varies depending on need and investment	Exclusive to zone: Yes No, if no please explain how incentives will be tailored to zone	
Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: Bedford Joint IDA	
No. 6, Right Now Sites/Shell Building Programs maintain an inventory of industrial buildings and "shovel ready" sites to meet	Qualification Requirements: none	
needs of rapidly-expanding clients	Period of availability: entire life of zone	
	Source of funds: BJIDA and City/County CIP	
Financial Value of Incentive:	Effective date: upon zone designation	
none, saves time	Exclusive to zone: Yes No, if no please explain how incentives will be tailored to zone	

Proposed Enterprise Zone Name: Bedford Enterprise Zone		
Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: City of Bedford	
No. 7, Accelerated Development Processing for businesses and industries within zone	Qualification Requirements: none	
priority consideration in site review and permitting for new and expanding businesses within the Enterprise Zone	Period of availability: entire life of zone	
	Source of funds: none	
Financial Value of Incentive:	Effective date: upon zone designation	
none, saves time	Exclusive to zone: Yes No, if no please explain how incentives will be tailored to zone	
Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: City of Bedford	
No. 8, Waiver of Zoning and Sign Permit Fees	Qualification Requirements: none	
for businesses and industries qualifying as "permitted" in each zoning district	Period of availability: entire life of zone	
	Source of funds: none	
Financial Value of Incentive:	Effective date: upon zone designation	
\$75 per application for zoning \$50.50 per application for signs	Exclusive to zone: Yes No, if no please explain how zone incentives will be tailored to zone	

Proposed Enterprise Zone Name: Bedford Er	Proposed Enterprise Zone Name: Bedford Enterprise Zone		
Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: City and Bedford Main Street		
No. 9, Local Personal Liaision to act as resource and coordinator/ clearinghouse for City planning, zoning and permitting, Small Business Development Center services, DEQ Brownfields Program, State and Federal Historic Tax Credits, Regional Assessement and Training Programs and State services and grants, including the Tobacco Commission	Qualification Requirements: available for commercial and industrial clients Period of availability: entire life of zone		
	Source of funds: none		
Financial Value of Incentive:	Effective date: upon zone designation		
priceless	Exclusive to zone: Yes No, if no please explain how incentives will be tailored to zone		
Incentive #, Name, and Description:	Provider: Bedford Federal, Wachovia, First Citizens, First Nat.Exchange, Nat.Bank of		
No. 10, Commercial/Industrial Loan Pool for acquisition and rehabilitation of commercial and industrial properties, with a competitive interest rate of 1/2% below prime, floating, for a period of 5 years	Commerce Qualification Requirements: Credit worthy business within Centertown area		
	Period of availability: entire life of zone		
	Source of funds: see providers		
	Effective date: upon zone designation		

Exclusive to zone: Yes No, if no please explain how incentives will be tailored to zone